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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM LEWIS

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP
SUBJ: FRENCH AMBASSADOR JEAN HERLY

REF: RABAT 0556 (NOTAL)

1. MY APOLOGIES FOR NOT SENDING YOU SOONER MY
IMPRESSIONS OF JEAN HERLY, WHICH I HAD FULLY INTENDED
TO DO. HECTIC PACE OF RECENT WEEKS FRANKLY JUST
ERASED IT FROM MY MIND.

2. YOU ARE FORTUNATE IN HAVING HERLY COMING TO RABAT.
HE IS ONE OF THE RELATIVELY RARE FRENCH DIPLOMATS WHOM
I HAVE MET WHO DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE ANY OF THE WIDE-
SPREAD FRENCH HANGUPS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES. HE IS
UNABASHEDLY FRIENDLY AND PRO-AMERICAN AND IS LOOKING
FORWARD VERY MUCH TO CLOSE RELATIONS WITH YOU. I HAVE
TOLD HIM A GOOD DEAL ABOUT YOU AND URGED HIM TO BE IN
TOUCH WITH YOU ON ARRIVAL.

3. FRENCH RELATIONS HERE HAVE OF COURSE BEEN STRAINED
IN MUCH OF HERLY'S TOUR. HE HAS WORKED VERY HARD TO
TRY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE COOL ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL
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WHICH APPARENTLY PREVAILS IN PARIS THESE DAYS, AND HAS
BEEN PERSONALLY VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH THE ISRAELIS AND
WITH THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HE IS A GREGARIOUS, WARM
FRIENDLY PERSON WHO LIKES TO PRACTICE HIS ENGLISH--
AND IT IS NOT AT ALL BAD. HIS WIFE IS ALSO AN ATTRACTIVE
PERSON. HERLY HAS A GOOD POLITICAL MIND AND IS I THINK
A GOOD ANALYST OF INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

HE IS NOT BRILLIANT, BUT CERTAINLY HIGHLY INTELLIGENT
AND SOLID. I HAVE ALSO FOUND HIM DISCREET AND TRUST-
WORTHY ON A COUPLE OF OCCASIONS. I THINK YOU WILL LIKE
HIM, AND MOREOVER I THINK YOU CAN HAVE A VERY USEFUL
RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. PLEASE GIVE HIM MY WARMEST
REGARDS AND BEST WISHES.
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